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## Democrats' Addiction to Taxes Costs New Mexico Citizens

In 1992 Candidate Clinton promised America a middle-class tax cut, attempting to show that Democrats were no longer addicted to increasing taxes on Americans.

- ▶ In 1993, President Clinton and the Democrats in Congress shed their campaign rhetoric, and forced a \$265 billion tax hike down the throats of the American people.
- ▶ In 1995, the Republican majority in Congress voted to roll back the Clinton taxes, over the unanimous objection of Democrats in the Senate. But, unable to control his tax-increasing addiction, President Clinton vetoed tax relief for working Americans.

President Clinton now has rolled out his campaign dress again and wants to convince America of an absurd proposition in the face of his actions — that he favors lower taxes. Unfortunately for New Mexico, the Senate Democrats can't kick their tax addiction. Republicans want to repeal just a small part of the Clinton and Democratic party's massive 1993 tax increase, the 4.3-cent-a-gallon gas tax, but *the Democrats are so proud of their 1993 tax increase*, they are filibustering legislation that repeals this tiny piece of it.

Sadly for New Mexico, Democrat filibuster means less money for all drivers, airplane travelers, farmers, and consumers, and more money for Democrats' Big-Government spending machine. The repeal of the Clinton gas tax would:

- **Reduce the fuel cost for the average New Mexico automobile \$43 over the course of a year.**  
[Source: The Heritage Foundation]
- **Reduce the fuel cost for the average New Mexico commercial truck \$361 over the course of a year.** This would be a small but important reduction of the Washington-imposed cost of doing business in New Mexico.  
[Source: Based on data from the Federal Highway Administration and the American Automobile Manufacturers Association]

This small step for the citizens of New Mexico is representative of the Republican commitment to a smaller government and lower taxes. The Democrat filibuster reveals their commitment to Big-Government and Washington tax-and-spend liberalism.

**Why won't Democrats give New Mexico a break?**